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#### WESTINGHOUSE PURCHASE.

An Interest in the Lackawanna and  
Wyoming Valley.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—Concerning  
the report from New York of the  
purchase of an interest in the Lack-  
awanna and Wyoming Valley Rapid  
Transit company by the Westinghouse  
Electric and Manufacturing company,  
Mr. Westinghouse gave the following  
facts:

"On a basis which will insure it a  
good profit the Westinghouse Electric  
and Manufacturing company has pur-  
chased \$4,000,000 of the 5 per cent first  
lien consolidated mortgage bonds and  
\$2,000,000 of the capital stock of the  
Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley  
road, paying therefor \$4,000,000, of  
which \$2,000,000 will be represented  
by two year 6 per cent notes sold to  
Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

"The road is now in operation be-  
tween Scranton and Wilkesbarre.  
"The interest controlling the company  
contemplates extending the railway  
south from Wilkesbarre to Nanticoke  
and north from Scranton to Carbon-  
dale."

#### ROOSEVELT INTERESTED.

Consul at Odessa Reports No Further  
Massacres.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—At the in-  
stance of President Roosevelt, who has  
interested himself in the reports from  
abroad of massacres and contemplated  
massacres of Jews in Kishineff, the  
state department is making active in-  
quiry through its diplomatic and con-  
sular officers with the view of ascer-  
taining the exact situation as affecting  
these people.

The United States consular agent at  
Odessa has already been heard from,  
and he cabled the state department  
that there has been no fresh outbreak  
at Kishineff.

Bride of 72 Takes Husband of 38.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—So-  
ciety here is talking of the marriage in  
Brooklyn of Mrs. Carrie D. A. Spink,  
aged about seventy-two, to J. Homer  
Altimus of Washington, aged thirty-  
eight. Mrs. Spink is the oldest teacher  
of dancing in this city. Mrs. Spink  
met Altimus at a meeting of Spiritual-  
ists. Altimus has been a prominent  
medium in Washington. When a mar-  
riage was suggested more than a year  
ago Mrs. Spink's only daughter, Mrs.  
Young, opposed it so strongly that it  
did not occur. Mrs. Young left her  
mother then, and the breach has never  
been healed.

#### Officials Feared Lynchers.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 30.—  
Neely Zimmerman and George Burk,  
the negroes charged with assaulting  
Mrs. Sparks and her daughter, who  
narrowly escaped lynching at the hands  
of an infuriated mob here, have been  
taken to the state penitentiary at Fort  
Madison for safe keeping. The two  
men were taken before Judge Wheeler  
and waived preliminary examination.  
The judge then signed an order for  
their removal. The men were hastily  
spirited away, and Sheriff Constans left  
with them on the first train for Fort  
Madison.

#### Helress Disappears.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 30.—Miss  
Ethel Rovell of Birmingham, Ala., hel-  
ress to a large fortune, has disappeared,  
and relatives are anxious about her.  
Miss Rovell had been in Meridian since  
Nov. 1 visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. M.  
Huskey, and was to remain here until  
February. On Wednesday last she left  
her aunt's residence to do some shop-  
ping and has not been seen or heard of  
since. Miss Rovell is said to have in-  
herited an estate left her by Mrs. Mi-  
nerva Benford of Denver.

#### FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

##### Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call firm at 5 1/2 per cent.  
Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 per cent.  
Exchanges, \$106,283,941; balances, \$7,784,564.

Closing prices:  
Amalg. Copper, 51 N. Y. Central, 127 1/4  
Atchafalpa, 69 1/2 Norfolk & Western, 38  
B. & O., 87 1/2 Penn. R. R., 119 1/2  
Brooklyn R. T., 54 Reading, 43 1/2  
Ches. & Ohio, 24 1/2 Rock Island, 24 1/2  
Chi. & Northw., 170 St. Paul, 148 1/2  
D. & H., 129 Southern Pac., 50 1/2  
Erie, 28 1/2 Southern Ry., 21 1/2  
Gen. Electric, 177 South. Ry. pf., 79 1/2  
Illinois Cen., 111 1/2 Sugar, 117 1/2  
Lackawanna, 270 Texas Pacific, 25 1/2  
Louis. & Nash, 110 Union Pacific, 59 1/2  
Manhattan, 144 1/2 U. S. Steel, 12  
Metropolitan, 125 1/2 U. S. Steel pf., 57 1/2  
Missouri Pac., 30 1/2

##### New York Markets.

FLOUR—Dull, but firmly held; Minne-  
sota patents, \$4.50; winter straight, \$4.30  
winter extra, \$3.10; winter pa-  
tents, \$4.15.  
WHEAT—Had a strong opening on  
cables and fell, but war talk, but trend soft  
under heavy southwest selling and weak-  
ness at St. Louis, May, \$1.05 1/2; July,  
\$1.05.  
RICE—Firm; state and Jersey, 56c; No. 2  
western, 55c nominal; No. 3, 54c; No. 4, 53c.  
COFFEE—Stronger and more active on  
the snow in eastern corn states and room cov-  
ering, May, \$14.00.  
CATTLE—Nominal; track, white, 42c  
Erie, track, white, western, 42 1/2c.  
PORK—Firm; mess, \$12.50; family,  
\$14.00.  
LARD—Firm; prime western steam,  
7 1/2c.  
BUTTER—Firm; extra creamery, 22c;  
state dairy, 16 1/2c.  
CHEESE—Quiet; state full cream, fan-  
cy, small, colored, September, 12c; late  
made, 10c; small, white, September, 12c;  
late made, 10c; large, colored, September,  
12c; late made, 10c; large, white, Sep-  
tember, 12c; late made, 10c.  
EGGS—Strong; western extras, 35c; No. 1,  
state and Pennsylvania, nearby average  
fresh, 30c; state and Pennsylvania sec-  
onds to fresh, 20c.  
SUGAR—Raw nominal; fair refining, 22 1/2c;  
No. 1, 22c; centrifugal, 3c test, 24c; re-  
fined, 24c; crushed, 2 1/2c; powdered, 4 1/2c.  
TURPENTINE—Quiet at 59 1/2c.  
MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 31c; No. 1,  
30c; No. 2, 29c; domestic, 28 1/2c; Japan,  
nominal.  
TALLOW—Firm; city, 5c; country, 4 1/2c.  
HAY—Steady; shipping, 66 1/2c; good to  
choice, 68 1/2c.

##### Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Market steady; choice, \$5.00;  
prime, \$4.75; fair, \$4.50; veal  
calves, \$1.00.  
HOGS—Market active; prime heavies,  
\$10.00; mediums and heavy Yorkers,  
\$9.50; light Yorkers, \$9.00; pigs, \$1.00;  
roughs, \$0.75.  
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady;  
prime wethers, \$6.00; culls and common,  
\$1.50; choice lambs, \$1.00.

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nington, COMMISSIONER, to receive exam-  
ine and adjust all claims and demands of all per-  
sons against the estate of William Dolan, late  
of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, and all  
claims exhibited in office thereto, hereby give  
notice that we will meet for the purpose afore-  
said, at Wallace Lyons Hotel at South Shafts-  
bury, Vt., on the 4th day of  
January, and 14th day of May next, from  
2 o'clock P. M. until 4 o'clock P. M. and that  
six months from the 14th day of November,  
A. D. 1903 is the time limited by said Court for  
said creditors to present their claims to us for  
examination and allowance.  
Dated at Shaftsbury, Vt., this 24th day of Nov.  
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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—After a  
struggle with Fossil through the stretch  
Oarsman won the mile and a sixteenth  
handicap at Ingleside by a head. He  
was given a perfect ride by Burns, and  
the jockey received an ovation upon  
his return to the stand.

Long priced horses were successful in  
some of the races. Hellas at 8 to 1  
took the third race, for which Scinty  
was a strongly played favorite.

The stewards have recommended the  
revocation of Jockey Chandler's license  
on the ground of conspiracy to break a  
contract with Cesar Young.

Hildebrand was suspended for ten  
days by Starter Holtman for pulling  
up Flea in the second race.

#### Racing at Ascot.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—One  
favorite at Ascot park came home in  
front, and as a result the eleven books  
quit with a good balance on the right  
side. Best Man was made favorite in  
the last race, but every horse in the  
race was the medium of plunges by the  
big bettors. Sir Hugh, the odds on fa-  
vorite in the first race, crossed himself  
and fell at the head of the stretch. Red-  
fern, his jockey, escaped unhurt.

#### Intercollegiate Chess.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At the con-  
clusion of the chess play Harvard still  
retained the lead by half a point only.  
Yale having won three games from  
Columbia. Each college has one game  
pending, which will be adjudicated to-  
day. The game left unfinished from  
the first round between Schroeder and  
Carr was awarded to the latter.

#### Corbett Wins the Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The  
Corbett-Hanlon contest for the feath-  
erweight championship of America at  
Mechanics' pavilion proved to be one of  
the greatest drawing cards in the his-  
tory of the fighting game in this city.  
The fight was won by the champion,  
Corbett.

#### Joe Wolcott Won.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—After a fifteen  
round bout, during seven rounds of  
which his opponent landed almost at  
will, Joe Wolcott, the colored pugilist  
of Malden, was given the decision over  
Larry Temple of Stratford, Conn., be-  
fore the Criterion Athletic club last  
night.

#### Draw Decision Unsatisfactory.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—"Phila-  
delphia Jack" O'Brien and Hugo Kel-  
ty fought a ten round bout in this city  
which resulted in a draw. O'Brien's  
showing was disappointing, many of  
the spectators believing that Kelty  
should have been given the decision.

#### Jenkins and McLeod to Meet.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Tom  
Jenkins of Cleveland and Dan McLeod  
of Hamilton have signed articles to  
meet in private in the presence of not  
more than 100 spectators to settle final-  
ly which of them is the better wrestler.

#### "All a Piece of Foolishness."

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—Although  
fatally wounded and suffering intense  
pain, H. G. Edmundson pleaded with  
Chief of Police Frans for the release  
of G. W. Grote, who had fired the shot  
that will cause Edmundson's death. The  
latter was in the company of Mrs.  
Grote when the shooting occurred.  
Grote was released in deference to the  
wishes of the dying man. "It was all a  
piece of foolishness," is the only com-  
ment Edmundson made.

#### Accident to the Aged Emperor.

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—Reports which  
reached Vienna of an accident to Em-  
peror Francis Joseph by a fall created  
much alarm. It appears that during  
his majesty's customary Christmas vis-  
it to his daughter, the Archduchess Ma-  
ria Valeria, at Wallse he was ascend-  
ing a stairway when his spurs became  
entangled in the carpet.

#### Price of Steel Unchanged.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—An in-  
formal meeting of prominent steel  
shaft manufacturers of this territory  
was held here, when it was decided  
to make no change in selling prices.  
The discounts agreed upon are 57 per  
cent for car load lots and 52 per cent  
for less than car load lots.

#### Children Perish by Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Michael  
Kondas of 9159 Woodlawn avenue  
locked her two children—Barbara, four  
years old, and Mary, two years old—in  
the house while she went to visit a  
neighbor. During her absence the house  
caught fire, and both children perished  
in the flames.

#### Weather Probabilities.

Fair; rising temperature; west winds.

#### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Two simultaneous fires in Bridgeport,  
Conn., have caused a loss of \$34,000.

Emperor William is so far recovered  
that he will probably give up his pro-  
jected trip to the south of Europe.

Representatives of the English cotton  
trade at Manchester denounce "inter-  
national gambling" in that commodity.

The town watchman of West Point,  
Va., was captured by three thieves and  
forced to look on while they robbed the  
postoffice.

The undersecretary of state for Can-  
ada says that placing a new Canadian  
cruiser on the great lakes will violate  
no treaty obligations.

A passenger train on the Pittsburg  
and Lake Erie railroad was thrown  
from the track at Newcastleton Junction,  
Pa. No one was seriously hurt.

It is feared that the French naval  
collier Vienne, nineteen days out from  
Rochefort for Toulon, with fifty-one  
officers and men, has been lost.

### ARMING FOR WAR.

Russias and Japan Prepare For  
a Great Struggle.

#### TWELVE RUSSIAN BATTERIES READY

Tokyo Government Invested With a  
"Monte Christo" Credit For Mil-  
itary Defense and Right to Cre-  
ate a War Council.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A Russian dis-  
patch says twelve batteries of the four  
grenadier brigades of field artillery,  
stationed in and around Moscow, have  
been selected for service in the far  
east and have received new guns  
which the Russian artillery claim are  
superior to the French fieldpieces.

The early departure of three of these  
batteries is expected, which will place  
108 field guns, with the latest equip-  
ment, at the disposal of Viceroy Alex-  
ander.

It is said here that all the volunteers  
living at their homes, who, as gradu-  
ates of high schools, are privileged to  
serve only a year with the colors, have  
been ordered into barracks.

An official report from Tokyo says  
an emergency ordinance, promulgated  
late Monday night, invests the govern-  
ment with unlimited credit for pur-  
poses of military defense.

Three other ordinances were issued,  
relating, first, to the Seoul-Fusan rail-  
way, which is brought closer under  
official control; second, to the revision  
of the organization of the imperial mil-  
itary headquarters in war time; third,  
to the creation of a war council in war  
time.

These ordinances, it is considered,  
look like war and completely provide  
for all emergencies.

The ordinance also provides for all  
possible military expenses for the pro-  
tection of the railway and other in-  
terests.

It is reported that the Japanese min-  
isterial council has demanded the  
transfer of \$25,000,000 from the edu-  
cational fund for emergency purposes.

Russian irritation is centered largely  
against the English and American peo-  
ples on account of their undoubted sym-  
pathies for Japan. To understand this  
fully one must realize that in the high-  
est circles dominating politics in Lon-  
don the conviction is irrevocably im-  
bedded that without the support and  
encouragement of those two countries  
Japan would never declare war upon  
Russia.

#### Panic on Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—It was a  
field day for bears in the cotton mar-  
ket. After several futile attempts to  
break the market a panic was caused  
in some way or another, and within  
ten minutes prices went down about  
sixty points, or \$3 a bale. This hap-  
pened during the noon hour, and for  
about half an hour the Cotton Ex-  
change was in an uproar. Hundreds  
of longs were wiped out, and their ef-  
orts to get out with as small a loss  
as possible caused prices to go lower  
and lower. It was one of the worst  
stampedes of frightened longs ever  
seen in the local market.

#### Girls to Build Church.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 30.—Girls  
who attend Rosemary Hall at Rock  
Ridge, in Greenwich, speak of build-  
ing a church all by themselves and  
with their own hands as if it was noth-  
ing but fun, but their work has only  
just begun, and wise persons shake  
their heads when they speak about the  
difficulties which are sure to come. The  
girls declare that no man's hand shall  
desecrate the sacred work, though they  
are willing that one man, the architect,  
may instruct them to a certain extent.

#### Pittsburg Has Great Fire.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—For twelve  
hours, commencing at 6 o'clock, thir-  
teen engine companies battled with a  
stubborn fire in the six story storage  
warehouse of Haugh & Keenan, Third  
street and Duquesne way. Crossed  
electric wires is given as the probable  
cause of the conflagration. The loss,  
according to James F. Keenan, presi-  
dent of the company, may reach \$700,-  
000.

#### The Fever at Butler.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 30.—One death  
and five new cases of fever were re-  
ported. To date the relief committee  
has received in the neighborhood of  
\$45,000, and, though they have been  
curtailing expenses in every way, it is  
estimated that \$85,000 additional will  
be needed before all the stricken fam-  
ilies can shift for themselves.

#### Cuban Minister to Spain Ill.

HAVANA, Dec. 30.—A special cabi-  
gram from Madrid says that Senor Ra-  
fael M. Merchan, the Cuban minister  
to Spain, is confined to the legation suf-  
fering from mental impairment as the  
result of former illnesses and that the  
minister and his family will soon sail  
for Havana.

#### Sentenced as Habitual Criminal.

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 30.—In the  
Norfolk county superior criminal court  
Judge Aiken has sentenced George  
Nichols of Philadelphia, a notorious  
criminal, to twenty-five years at hard  
labor in state prison on the ground that  
he is an habitual criminal.

#### Russian Jews Not Pillaged.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—The  
correspondent of a Russian news ag-  
ency at Kishineff, Bessarabia, telegraphs  
a denial of the statement that the Jew-  
ish population is being pillaged by the  
Russians.

#### Mary Anderson on the Stage.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mary Anderson  
(Mme. de Navarre) made her appear-  
ance on a public stage last night at an  
entertainment for the poor in the Peo-  
ple's palace.

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